

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

Full Name Walter Franklin Agee
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 1942 Hamilton Street

City Jacksonville State Florida

Age 32 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Methodist Nationality American

Occupation Social Worker for State Welfare Department

Education High School, Jacksonville, Fla. College Graduate-University of Fla.

Weight 185 Color White Height 5'-11 1/2 inches

Color of hair Blond Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests Sharp nose and facial features

Married or single Married - Children None
Seperated _____ (Number, ages, and names, if poss.)

Wife's name Unknown but wife resides in Shreveport, Louisiana

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
T-21	Jacksonville,	Florida	Ass't Exp. Adv. Ass't Scoutmaster Scoutmaster Field Scout Executive	Shreveport, Louisiana 4-63	1/20/64

Special recognition _____

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Signed _____

Scout Executive

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October 30, 1968

Hon. Charles E. Bennett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Bennett:

This is in response to your inquiry of October 25 concerning one Walter Frank Agee.

Mr. Agee was reported to us in March of 1964 as being undesirable as a Scout leader. We have in our files a newspaper clipping of that date from Jacksonville, indicating that Mr. Agee, a social worker for the State Welfare Department, of 1942 Hamilton Street, was arrested on five morals charges. The newspaper article mentioned Mr. Agee's former Scouting connections.

Since that date Mr. Agee has not, to our knowledge, been registered in the Boy Scouts of America. I do not, of course, know the date you and Mr. Booth had in mind in referring to Mr. Agee's Scoutmaster experience in Jacksonville, but I can only assume that date to be not later than 1964.

You inquire regarding precautions we take in cases of this type. We fully recognize the seriousness of these situations and we have a system to prevent the registration of adults known to us as being unacceptable for one or more of several valid reasons. Once an individual is reported to us and the facts are clear, his name is placed in a special file, against which the names of all leader applicants of the Boy Scouts of America are checked.

We share with you your concern and if you have any suggestions we will be pleased to hear from you. In the meantime, I hope this letter has assured you our present practices are directed toward excluding all undesirable individuals, such as Mr. Agee, from positions of leadership, working with boys in the program of Scouting.

Sincerely,

Howard Boyd, Director
Registration and Fulfillment Service

clr
cc: Marshall Monroe

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CHARLES E. BENNETT
MEMBER
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Congress of the United States

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October 25, 1968

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Boy Scout National Council
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Gentlemen:

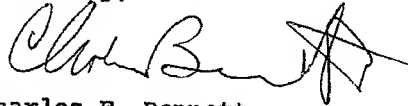
I am enclosing a copy of a letter of October 16th which is somewhat self-explanatory.

Mr. Edward M. Booth, First Assistant State Attorney, showed me a very sordid background of Walter Frank Agee who was a scoutmaster in the Jacksonville area and had previously been a scoutmaster in Mississippi. This man was apparently a sexual pervert and received a conviction in the criminal courts here along these lines. I understand that he had previously been in trouble in Mississippi for the same type of behavior.

I am wondering what, if any, precautions the Boy Scouts take to fingerprint or otherwise identify the background of a person who becomes a boy scout leader. Is there something that needs to be done in this that is not now being done? I am extremely interested myself as I have two sons who are boy scouts and information such as was given to me by Mr. Booth about this particular scoutmaster is very shocking and disturbing not only from the standpoint of my own children but from the standpoint of the country as a whole.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Charles E. Bennett

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October 16, 1968

Honorable Charles E. Bennett
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Charlie:

I hope you will pardon my delay in responding to your letter of September 18, 1968, regarding the Scoutmaster in Jacksonville that was involved in the child molester case.

His name is Walter Frank Agee. His current address, according to the Probation Office, is 1942 Hamilton Street.

I am advised by Deputy Sheriff James L. Pfeiffer of the Duval County Sheriff's Office that Mr. Agee was also a Scoutmaster in Mississippi prior to coming to Jacksonville where he resumed his scouting activities.

This man is currently on probation and is under the supervision of the Florida Probation Office here in Jacksonville.

I have been in contact with the United States Attorney's Office here and we are getting excellent cooperation from that office in the investigation of obscenity matters.

I hope that the President's Committee will get down to the real facts of life in determining the cause and effect between obscene matters and criminal behavior, and I believe that some of the matters that we presented to you in our office here would open the eyes of some of the committee members. I, of course, will be glad to assist them in any way that I can.

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Honorable Charles E. Bennett
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I deeply appreciate your interest and cooperation in helping us in this fight.

With all good wishes for your re-election on November 5th and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



EDWARD M. BOOTH
FIRST ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY

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2/23/65

NAME

W. Boyd

March 17, 1964

Mr. Horace S. Williamson
Scout Executive
North Florida Council, No. 87

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

RE: Walter Franklin Agee
Scoutmaster, Troop 21

Dear Horace:

Thank you very much for your confidential record sheet and the enclosed newspaper clipping concerning Mr. Agee, Scoutmaster, Troop 21. We have placed this information in our file and have deleted his name from the Troop roster.

This information will enable us to identify Mr. Agee, should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd
Director of Registration

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Man Faces Five Morals Counts Here

A social worker for the State Welfare Department was arrested by Duval County vice squad detectives yesterday morning and placed in jail on five morals charges.

Walter Franklin Agee, 32, of 1942 Hamilton St. was arrested at his home about 10 a.m. on warrants issued by Juvenile Court Judge Lamar Winegart.

The arresting officers, Sgts. J. L. Pfeiffer and E. B. Ashby, said they seized more than 1,000 photographs and negatives, including some of the suspect and of young boys.

Agee was charged with two counts of crime against nature, one count of assault upon a minor child, posing for obscene pictures, and possession of obscene pictures.

His bond was set at \$20,000.

Detectives said Agee formerly was a professional worker for the Boy Scouts of America in Louisiana and that most of the pictures were believed taken during a six-year period there.

The officers said he attended high school in Jacksonville and that he had returned to this city several years ago. Recently he became a volunteer scoutmaster for Troop 21.

Several hundred dollars worth of photographic equipment was seized with the pictures from a darkroom behind Agee's residence.

A hearing for Agee has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Jan. 31 before Judge Winegart.

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